



Media release
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Cambridge High School wins national building challenge

A group of students from Cambridge High School has won the national BCITO 2008 Build-Ability Challenge for a horse hospital they designed and built for the local Riding for the Disabled Group.

The Build-Ability Challenge is part of the Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation's Building Careers Month held during August, and involves team of students building a project for a local community group.

The horse hospital, which can provide shelter for up to four horses, was designed and built by five year 11 to 13 Cambridge High School students over a four-month period. The structure features a trough accessible to horses from both inside and outside the shelter which is filled from rainwater collected off the roof.

The judges commended the Cambridge team for the quality of their workmanship and getting local community support behind an ambitious project. The students had compiled an impressive record of work for the project, integrating photographs and commentary to produce a comprehensive story of the construction process.

Hamilton Boys High School and Central Hawke's Bay College were highly commended for their entries of a garden seat for Sunningdale RSA Rest Home in Hamilton and an outdoor playground structure for Anglican Childcare in Waipukurau respectively.

Hamilton Boys' team of five year 12 and 13 students created a sturdy garden bench with the rest home residents specifically in mind, while Central Hawke's Bay College's team of year 13 students made play equipment suitable for toddlers through to five-year-olds.

BCITO chief executive Ruma Karaitiana is thrilled with the success of the 2008 Build-Ability Challenge, which is now in its fourth year.

"It is a pleasure for the BCITO to continue our relationship with schools and their local community organisations. The schools and their pupils also value this unique experience to learn about careers in building and construction," Mr Karaitiana says.

"The students get to work on the project from the initial commission and design stage through to its installation – just like they would out in a real working environment."

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2008 Build-Ability Challenge Projects

WINNER

Cambridge High School

Horse hospital for Cambridge Riding for the Disabled

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Central Hawke's Bay College

Outdoor playground structure for Anglican Childcare

Hamilton Boys High School

Garden seat for Sunningdale RSA Rest Home

OTHER 2008 ENTRIES

Bay of Plenty

Opotiki College

Timber deck, ramp and pergola for Opotiki Community Childcare Centre

Opotiki College

Recycling centre alteration for Opotiki College

Wairarapa

Wairarapa College

Outdoor shelter for Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Wairarapa

Manawatu

Awatapu College

Play house for the Rose City Lions Club

Feilding High School

Dog kennel for the local SPCA

Feilding High School

Play house for Pitter Patter Education Centre

Hawke's Bay

Karamu High School

Play house for the Future Kids Early Childhood Centre

Taranaki

Hawera High School

"No-dig" vege garden complex for Ngahuru Elderly Care

Canterbury

Lincoln High School

Seating for the Mohoe Reserve

Hillmorton High School

Pergola for the Upland Special Needs Unit

West Coast

Karamea Area School

Park benches for Karamea Estuary Enhancement Project

King Country

Taumarunui High School

Gazebo for Parone Street Kindergarten

Waikato

Fraser High School

Dog kennel for the local SPCA

Raglan Area School

Recycle station gazebo for Raglan Area School

Hauraki Plains College

Play house for Ngatea Kindergarten

Notes to Editor

About the Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation (BCITO)

The BCITO is appointed by the Government to develop and implement industry qualifications for the building and construction sector. There are more than 4500 employers and more than 9000 trainees involved in industry training with the BCITO.